

NEW COURT
ASKED FORTo Carry Out Orders of Inter-
state Com.

MESSAGE BY TAFT TODAY

He Also Asks for a General Corporation
Law Which Will Curb Railroad
From Taking Capital Stock
in Others.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The opening gun in President Taft's campaign for constructive legislation was fired today, when he sent a message to Congress, recommending an amendment to the interstate commerce law. Foremost among the recommendations are (1) the formation of a "United States court of commerce," to carry out orders of the interstate commerce commission, (2) the prosecution and defense of cases made by the interstate commerce commission by the department of justice, instead of by special attorneys, and (3) the enactment of a provision for holding railroads to acquire capital stock in competing lines.

After reviewing the reports of the interstate commerce commission for 1908 and 1909, President Taft said:

"For this purpose I recommend the establishment of a court of the United States composed of five judges designated for such purpose from among the circuit judges of the United States, to be known as the 'United States court of commerce,' which court shall be clothed with exclusive original jurisdiction over the following classes of cases:

(1) All cases for the enforcement, otherwise than by adjudication and collection of a forfeiture or penalty, or by infliction of criminal punishment, of any order of the interstate commerce commission other than for the payment of money.

(2) All cases brought to enjoin, set aside, annul or suspend any order or requirement of the interstate commerce commission.

(3) All such cases as under section 7 of the act of February 19, 1903, known as the 'Elkins act,' are authorized to be maintained in a circuit court of the United States."

Speaking further on the same subject, President Taft said:

"Under the existing law, the interstate commerce commission itself initiates and defends litigation in the courts for enforcement, or in the defense of its orders and decrees, and for this purpose it employs attorneys who, while subject to the control of the attorney general, act upon the initiative and under the instructions of the commission. This blending of administrative, legislative and judicial functions tends, in my opinion, to impair the efficiency of the commission by clothing it with partisan characteristics and robbing it of the impartial judicial attitude it should occupy in passing upon questions submitted to it. In my opinion, all litigation affecting the government or the public interest, and all cases in which the government is a party, should be brought before the courts, and the government should be placed in charge of an assistant attorney general acting under the direction of the attorney general."

Railroad Legislation.
Turning to the subject of the regulation of railroad companies, President Taft said:

"Through all our consideration of this grave question, however, we must insist that the suppression of competition, the controlling of prices, and the monopoly or attempt to monopolize in interstate commerce and business, are not only unlawful, but contrary to the public good, and that they must be restrained and punished until ended."

"I therefore recommend the enactment by Congress of a general law providing for the formation of corporations to engage in trade and commerce among the states and with foreign nations, protecting them from undue interference by the states and regulating their activities, so as to prevent the recurrence, under national auspices, of those abuses which have arisen under state control. Such a law should provide for the issue of stock of such corporations in an amount equal only to the cash paid in on the stock; and if the stock is issued for property, then at a fair valuation, ascertained under approval and supervision of federal authority, after a full and complete disclosure of the facts pertaining to the value of such property and the interest therein of the persons to whom it is proposed to issue stock in payment of such property. It should subject the real and personal property only of such corporations to the same taxation as is imposed by the states within which they are situated upon other similar property located therein, and it should require such corporations to file full and complete reports of their operations with the department of commerce and labor at regular intervals. Corporations organized under this act should be prohibited from acquiring and holding stock in other corporations (except for special reasons upon approval by the proper federal authority), thus avoiding the evasion, under national auspices, of the holding company with subordinate corporations in different states, which has been such an effective agency in the creation of the great trusts and monopolies."

NATIVE OF CORINTH.

And Was Oldest Member of Methodist
Church at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 7.—The oldest member of the Methodist church and one of its most interested workers, Mrs. G. G. Morrison, died early yesterday morning, at her home at the Union house.

Amanda Malvin Robie was born at Corinth, July 9, 1829, the second child in a family of nine children born to John and Sally Bonell Robie. On May 11, 1848, she was married to Mr. Morrison at Bradford, where they lived for several years, later coming to St. Johnsbury, which has since been their home, with the exception of a few years spent in California. On May 11, 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were given a large reception in observance of their golden wedding, and on Dec. 25, of that same year, Mr. Morrison's death occurred. Since that time Mrs. Morrison has made her home at the hotel, where her only son and his wife live.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were born three children, Phyllis Isabel, who died in infancy; Carrie Isabel, who died at the age of 21 years, and George Byron, who is a merchant here. Besides her son, she is survived by two brothers and one sister, A. M. Robie of this place, Mrs. H. D. Robie of St. Johnsbury and Mrs. H. D. Moore of South Fairlee. The funeral service will be held here and the body taken to Bradford for burial.

EDWIN H. LEGATE DEAD.

Most of His Life He Was Farmer in
Halifax.

Brattleboro, Jan. 7.—Edwin Houghton Legate, aged 93, died early yesterday morning in the home of his son, Edward Legate, in Brattleboro, after a short illness of Bright's disease. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

He was born in Charlemont, Mass., Aug. 29, 1816. The greater part of his life was spent in Halifax, where he conducted a farm. Eight years ago he went to Brattleboro, Mass., where he lived for two years, coming to Guilford Center to live with his son. He is survived by a wife and four children, Edward W. Legate of Guilford Center, Mass., Herbert Root of Northampton, Mass., Mrs. Fred Legate of Leyden, Mass., and Mrs. Louis Sumner of Halifax.

ALVIN FROST DEAD.

Bellows Falls Man Had Been Resident
for Ten Years.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 7.—Alvin Frost died yesterday at his home on Erie street. The funeral will be at the residence, Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. F. L. Leavitt officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Frost was born in Wallingford, Vt., Dec. 12, 1827. He had been a resident of Bellows Falls 10 years. He is survived by a wife and four daughters, Mrs. George Elfield of Hinsdale, N. H., Mrs. Solon Davis Norton of Montpelier, Mrs. J. E. Dodge and Mrs. Jay Weather. All of Bellows Falls, all of whom will attend the funeral.

MADRIZ WILL RETIRE
FROM PRESIDENCYAs Soon as Arrangements Can Be Made
—Neither He Nor Estrada to Be
Candidates—Peace Now Cor-
tain.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 7.—President Madriz has announced that he will retire from the presidency as soon as arrangements can be made for an election, but that neither he nor Estrada will be candidates. General Porras Diaz is en route here from Estrada's camp, with authority to negotiate peace, which is now thought to be certain.

POLICEMAN A SUICIDE.

James J. McGuire of Hyde Park, Mass.,
Shot Himself.

Hyde Park, Jan. 7.—James J. McGuire, aged 42, veteran patrolman in Hyde Park, committed suicide about 1:30 yesterday afternoon at his home, 38 Harvard avenue, by shooting himself through the mouth with his police revolver. Death was instantaneous.

Despondency is the cause ascribed for the act. For several days he had been ill with a severe cold. Several years ago he sustained a fall which affected the back of his head.

"REAL VERMONT TURKEY."

Served at Vermont Society of Boston
Last Night.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The Vermont society of Boston enjoyed its annual banquet last night when real Vermont turkeys were the main item on the bill of fare. A turkey was served to every 100 guests, a skillful carver from the Green Mountain state doing the honors at each table. Gov. G. H. Prouty was unable to be present and in his stead President Frederick A. Hamilton of Tufts college, made the principal address.

JUDSON DIES IN CELL.

Burlington Man Arrested in Boston Few
Hours Before.

Boston, Jan. 7.—Morton W. Judson, aged 42, whose home is in Burlington, Vt., was arrested at 9:30 last night in the North End. He was placed in a cell and about midnight patrolman Fitzgerald noticed Judson was acting queerly.

He notified Lieut. Allen, who called Dr. Dunn. When he arrived he pronounced the man dead.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Mrs. F. P. Townsend is able to sit up
a little each day, after several months' illness.

William Lapoint was in town Thursday, getting repairs for the Daniels mill in Calais.

Miss Esther McKnight has been confined to the house for a few days on account of illness.

Ray Gay, who is working for G. H. Clark, cut his hand severely while working in the woods Wednesday.

George McIntosh, Lytle Young, John Bond and H. M. Farnham and wife are attending the Dairymen's association in Burlington this week.

TERRORIZED
WHOLE TOWNDesperadoes Killed One Man
and Mortally Wounded One

AT YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

One of the Yeggmen Has Been Arrested,
and a Possé Is Chasing the Other,
With Chance of Capturing
Him.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Jan. 7.—As the climax of a night of terror in this town one man was killed and another was fatally injured in a fight to protect property from the depredations of two desperadoes, who broke into a number of stores and terrorized the town. The dead man is Henry Miner, a baggage-master on the Michigan Central railroad, who, together with a number of other citizens, put up a vigorous opposition to the bold work of the two yeggmen. Morgan Emmett, a telephone operator, was badly hurt in the fight.

In the midst of the yeggmen's assault on the town, Miner and Emmett gave battle, and others who joined in succeeded in capturing one of the men. The other desperado fled, and is now being pursued by a posse of citizens who have a good chance of catching him. It is thought. The robbers were not routed until they had terrorized the community.

MANY TARIFFS FILED.

Majority of Public Service Corporations
Have Completed with Order.

Newport, Jan. 7.—On December 1, 1909, the public service commission issued an order to all public service corporations to file a schedule of rates, tolls and charges of the respective corporations. This order was sent to 25 telephone companies, 71 light and power companies, 13 gas companies, eight telegraph companies and four express companies. In compliance with this order a large portion have already filed their tariffs. This order was made in accordance with Nos. 12 and 19 of the public service commission acts.

The hearing which was to have been held at Brattleboro January 4, in regard to the Thomas Judd estate, has been postponed on account of the supreme court session and no new date has been assigned.

The commission will hold a hearing at Newport January 15 to hear a petition of the state's attorneys of Orleans and Cheshire counties vs. the New England and Passumpsic Telephone companies, charging an unnecessary increase in rates.

GETS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Henry C. Brownell of Burlington Ap-
pointed to Place.

Burlington, Jan. 7.—Henry C. Brownell of this city has been selected by a committee composed of President M. H. Buckham of the university of Vermont, President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college and the Rev. A. C. A. Hall, bishop of Vermont, to hold the next Rhodes scholarship from Vermont. Four other candidates qualified, one being from the university of Vermont, one from Middlebury college and two from Dartmouth.

Mr. Brownell took his examination for the scholarship in January, 1908, and graduated from the university of Vermont, six months later. He then went to Canton, China, where he has been a teacher in the Canton Christian college. He will come to Burlington in June and go to Oxford in the fall for the three years' course. The appointment is worth \$1,500 per year.

MAY REARGUE CASE.

Motion in Fraser vs. Blanchard & Crow-
ley to Be Heard.

The Vermont supreme court adjourned today until next Tuesday, when a motion to reargue the Fraser vs. Blanchard & Crowley case will be heard. The Barre case of Commercial Jury company against Basilio Dentis was argued this morning. The court directed that unless the defendant in the Washington county case of Stewart vs. Goodenough files a brief within a week, a judgment shall be awarded the plaintiff.

FIRE AT NASHUA, N. H.

Stubborn Blaze Was Started in Big Dry-
house.

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 7.—A fire, which ruined the contents of the big dryhouse of Griggs & Son, manufacturers of doors, blinds and house furnishings on Crown street, engaged the firemen for three hours last night and was subdued with great difficulty.

The loss is estimated at \$3000. The flames, which probably started from a spark from the boiler room getting into the blower, were kept from the main building adjoining, in which was much valuable machinery and stock in process of manufacture. The contents of the burned building was raw stock.

REPRIMANDED AND REDUCED.

Lieut. James Huston of 10th Cavalry at
Fort Ethan Allen.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Because of the excessive use of intoxicants, Lieut. James Huston of the 10th Cavalry has been reprimanded by Major-General Wood and reduced five files in rank. He was court-martialed at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

E. L. Spencer, while at work in the Fairbanks scale factory in St. Johnsbury Monday, had the misfortune to drop 150 pounds of lead onto his left foot, breaking the great toe and badly bruising the whole foot.

BANQUET CONCLUDES
DAIRYMEN'S MEETINGF. L. Davis of White River Junction
Is Chosen President, Committee
on Publicity Chosen.

Burlington, Jan. 7.—The convention of the Vermont Dairymen's association closed last night with a banquet at the Van Ness House, which was attended by several hundred people. Congressman D. J. Foster was toastmaster, and the speakers were Governor Proctor, Frederick H. Newell of Washington, D. C., director of the reclamation service, and M. J. Haggard of Peru.

At the afternoon session the committee on resolutions reported. The resolutions were prepared jointly by committees from the sugarmakers and the dairymen. Besides the customary thanks to those who had contributed to the success of the convention and expression of regret at the death of ex-Gov. C. J. Bell and the Hon. G. W. Pierce, the resolutions stated that:

"The further advancement of our public schools should include the teaching of agriculture and industrial arts. We believe that conditions require that Congress take measures toward the institution of the parcels post, so-called, and that the United States senators be elected by popular vote. We believe the present oleomargarine law is necessary for the best interest of the Vermont dairymen and would earnestly request our delegation to prevent its repeal."

The resolutions were adopted.

New Officers Chosen.

The election of officers followed the reading of the resolutions. They are: President, F. L. Davis of White River Junction; vice-presidents, William Blood of Norwich and W. E. Carter of Rutland county; secretary, F. H. Rickford of Brattleboro; auditor, C. E. Smith of Morrisville.

The committee on publicity, which was appointed by the retiring president in accordance with the resolution introduced earlier in the day, is as follows: The commissioner of agriculture, ex-officio; Addison county, W. N. Gady; Bennington county, J. C. Chittenden; Fred. J. L. Hill; Caledonia, F. L. Davis; Essex, Fletcher; Franklin, G. H. Dunsmore; Grand Isle, T. L. Kinney; Lamoille, C. F. Smith; Orange, Arthur Vaughan; Orleans, M. J. Andrews; Rutland, Frank White; Washington, G. W. Windsor; Windham, F. A. Andrews; Windsor, F. W. Wiggin.

TO STAMP OUT DISEASE.

Diphtheria at State Industrial School Has
106 Patients.

Burlington, Jan. 7.—Governor Proctor yesterday met the state board of health at which time plans were submitted for the ventilation of the state house, in accordance with an act of the last legislature.

The diphtheria situation at the state industrial school, Vergennes, was also considered. Trustees of the school held in attendance.

At the present time there are 103 cases at that institution, the number having declined within a short space. The patients are not very sick. There have been no deaths, and took few serious cases, but some of those infected have had the disease several times since the first outbreak.

The situation is a difficult one with which to deal. There was a similar outbreak not long ago in a Connecticut institution, and took thirteen months to subside. The board of health has decided to send its physician to Vergennes to take charge of the attempt to suppress the epidemic.

NATIONAL ORGANIZER ENGAGED.

To Build Up Old and Organize New
Unions in State.

The Vermont state branch has engaged the services of Stuart Reid, national organizer of the American Federation of Labor, and he is at present at work in Brattleboro organizing the great organ factory of the East company. From Brattleboro, he will proceed to Bellows Falls, where there is much work to be done, principally building up newly formed unions. From Bellows Falls, he will proceed to Rutland and organize several new unions. From Rutland, he will proceed to Burlington, where labor conditions are considered in poor shape. In all, it is expected that the organizer will remain in Vermont about two months. New applications are coming steadily, and the Vermont state branch is at present in a very flourishing condition.

CONANT-HOWARD.

Wedding at the Home of the Bride in
Randolph.

Randolph, Jan. 7.—Samuel Dimick Conant of Greenfield, Mass., and Miss Mary Alice Howard were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. M. Howard. The ceremony was performed by his Rev. Father Melger, in the presence of only the immediate families of the contracting parties. The groom is a practicing lawyer and the associate justice of the Massachusetts district court. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Conant left for Jamaica on a honeymoon trip. After April 1, 1910, they will be at home in Greenfield, Mass. The out of town guests were Miss Octavia Conant of Greenfield, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bartlett of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Dorey of Brookfield, William Conant of Greenfield, Mass., and Miss Rebecca L. Harding of Springfield, Mass.

MUST INSTALL FIRE ESCAPES.

Twenty Buildings in Rutland Declared
Inadequately Supplied.

Rutland, Jan. 7.—As a result of an investigation conducted by Health Officer Dr. C. E. Bell, the owners of 20 of the business buildings of this city have been notified that they must equip their buildings with fire escapes as required by the state law. The instructions were sent out by the state board of health. Among the buildings which have come under the ban of the state board are all of the hotels, the new Tuttle and Mead buildings and the Colonial theatre building. If the owners neglect to give immediate attention to the matter they will be reported to the board forthwith.

ARRESTED AT NORTHFIELD.

Luke Gallagher Charged with Breaking
into Liquor Store.

Northfield, Jan. 7.—Chief of Police Plunkett arrested Luke Gallagher of Barre this morning on the charge of breaking into the saloon connected with the Northfield House, and the man was taken before Justice of the Peace Connel this afternoon. It is alleged that he took a large number of bottles of liquor from the saloon and that he was intoxicated at the time.

\$20,000 SUITS
PILING UPSecond One This Week in
County Court Entered Today

AGAINST JONES BROS. CO.

Maurice Lamontagne, While Working in
Boutwell, Milne, Varum Quarry,
Was Hit by Rock from Jones
Bros. Quarry.

The second \$20,000 damage suit to be entered in Washington county court this week was that of Maurice Lamontagne of Barre, filed today, against the Jones Bros. company, the granite concern, and a peculiar feature about the suit is the fact that Lamontagne was not working for the defendant company at the time, but was in the Boutwell, Milne & Varum quarry when hit in the head by a rock from a Jones Bros. blast.

The accident took place in September, 1908. The rock hit Lamontagne in the top of the head, fracturing the skull. He now claims that the hearing of one ear is affected, and that of the other is injured. He claims that the defendant company is liable for the injuries, and the case will be tried at the March term of county court. F. L. Laird of Montpelier is attorney for the plaintiff in the action.

BLANES AUTO DRIVER.

Latter Declares That Accident Was Not
His Fault.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaffoux and son, Harry, of Montpelier started to drive from this city to their home Wednesday morning, when their team was run into by an automobile on the Montpelier road, near the residence of F. H. Andrus, superintendent of the street railway, and Mr. Chaffoux was killed. The driver of the auto was James M. Boutwell of Montpelier.

Mr. Chaffoux's story of the accident is as follows: "We had been visiting at the home of our daughter, Mrs. John Scamplin of Smith street, and had started to drive to our home in Montpelier at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday morning. When about two miles from the city, we met an automobile, and as soon as the horse saw the machine it showed fright. I threw up one hand as a signal to the driver of the machine to stop, but he paid no attention to my signal and kept coming towards us at a fast rate. The horse became unmanageable and turned part way around in the road."

"As the sleigh came crossways of the road, the auto struck the sleigh and broke off the seat and threw Mrs. Chaffoux out onto the side of the road. The auto continued to run and I was clear past the team, when the driver finally stopped it. Everett Road saw the accident from his cart, where he resides, and came to our assistance. The sleigh was not damaged so but that I was able to drive back to Barre to the home of my daughter, where Mrs. W. D. Reid and Z. Archambault were called to attend Mrs. Chaffoux. It was found that she had sustained two broken ribs and was badly bruised about the body."

Mr. Chaffoux says that he asked the driver of the machine to settle for the damages, but the driver replied that it was not his fault. Last evening, Mr. Chaffoux consulted Attorney R. A. Hoar about the case and states that he will bring suit for damages against the driver.

DAUGHTER OF PIONEER SETTLER.

Mrs. J. M. Carney Passes Away at the
Age of 84 Years.

Mrs. J. M. Carney died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Woodward, in Montpelier, after a short illness with pneumonia. She was born in Georgia, Va., June 29, 1826, and was the daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of that town, James McKay. She spent most of the early part of her life in Georgia and Underhill and for the past fifty years had been a resident of Waterbury. Mr. Carney died several years ago. They had one son and eight daughters, three of the latter surviving—Mrs. J. E. Carriagan and Mrs. A. C. Greville of Rutland and Mrs. E. L. Woodward of Montpelier. A brother and sister also survive.

The funeral services will be in Waterbury, Saturday, at St. Andrew's church, with interment in the Catholic cemetery.

DEATH OF JOHN BOYCE.

East Barre Man Underwent Operation at
City Hospital.

The death of John Boyce of East Barre occurred at the City hospital at 12 o'clock last night following an operation for the removal of gall stones two weeks ago. Mr. Boyce was 59 years of age and was born in Fayston. He was employed as a miller at the grist mill of Sargent & Harlow in East Barre. He is survived by a wife and six children, three brothers and one sister. He was a member of Gilt lodge of Odd Fellows in East Barre.

A prayer will be held at his late residence, Sunday afternoon and the remains will be taken to his former home in Fayston Sunday, where the funeral will be held and interment made.

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DONE IN FINE SHAPE.

Joint Installation of Officers in Odd Fel-
lows and Rebekah Lodges.

A joint installation of the officers of Hiawatha lodge of Odd Fellows and of Bright Star Rebekah lodge was held at Odd Fellows' hall last evening. The officers of Hiawatha lodge were installed by District Deputy Grand Master Olin H. Greene of Randolph, assisted by District Deputy Grand Marshal M. W. Campbell of Randolph. The officers of Bright Star lodge were installed by District Deputy President Mrs. Elizabeth Booth of Randolph, assisted by District Deputy Marshal Mrs. M. W. Campbell of Randolph.

The hall was filled with members of the two lodges, who had the pleasure of seeing the work of installation done in a nearly perfect manner. The officers of Hiawatha lodge, as installed, are as follows: Noble grand, Alexander Duncan; vice-grand, John S. Howell; chaplain, C. B. Carr; secretary, W. L. Stowe; treasurer, D. V. Stoney; warden, Frank Odgers; conductor, J. A. Long; right supporter to noble grand, C. Parker; left supporter to noble grand, George Gauthier; right supporter to vice-grand, Albert Crayner; left supporter to vice-grand, G. P. Winter; right supporter, D. Denmore; left supporter, Irwin Lawless; inside guardian, H. W. Clark; outside guardian, Wesley Folsom.

The officers of the Rebekah lodge are as follows: Noble grand, Miss Nellie C. Blanchard; vice-grand, Mrs. O. E. Phillips; warden, Mrs. J. A. Denno; conductor, Mrs. L. J. Mead; chaplain, Mrs. George Quigley; secretary, Mrs. D. V. Stoney; treasurer, Mrs. James Geddies; right supporter to the noble grand, Mrs. E. W. Jackson; left supporter to the noble grand, Mrs. H. W. Clark; right supporter to vice-grand, Miss Maude Dybo; left supporter to vice-grand, Miss Emma Hopkins; inside guardian, Ida Kendrick; outside guardian, Hugh Boyce.

As the retiring noble grand of Bright Star lodge, Mrs. M. S. Sully, surrendered her chain to her successor, she was presented a handsome past grand's collar from the members of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the installation, short addresses were given by the installing officers, grand officers, and others of the two lodges. Then the entire company adjourned to the banquet hall, where the ladies had prepared an excellent supper, to which all fell full justly. The menu included cold tongue and lamb, hot rolls, salads, pickles, cake and coffee. The supper was in charge of a committee composed of Mrs. D. V. Stoney, Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mrs. A. H. Denno, Mrs. George Quigley and Mrs. H. W. Clark.

FIRE DISCOVERED

JUST IN TIME

Otherwise There Would Have Been Ser-
ious Consequences at the New
Camp Street School.
house.

Prompt discovery was all that prevented a serious fire in the new Camp street school building at five o'clock last evening. While playing around the school building with some companions, Roland Cragg, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cragg, who reside on Hill street, saw a light in the basement of the building. Thinking it strange that there should be a light there after the work men had all left the building, the boy went to one of the basement windows and saw that there was a small blaze just beginning to break out on some boards near the stove.

The boy immediately ran to his home and told his mother, who called up the fire station over the telephone. When the firemen arrived with the chemical engine, they found that a mortar pot, which had been erected beside the stove, had caught fire from the stove, which had become overheated. The contents of a hand chemical were sufficient to extinguish the blaze. The firemen state that if the blaze had had a few minutes more start, there would have been a serious fire, as there was a large quantity of dry boards and timber in the basement, which would have spread the flames all over the basement.

The firemen have had a busy time of it so far this week, responding to still alarm calls, the call last evening being the sixth that they have had since Sunday evening. All of the other calls were for chimney fires. Sunday evening, they were called to Alex. Bruce's house on Brooklyn street; Tuesday evening, to Joseph Kennedy's on Summer street and William Goodwin's on Prospect street; Wednesday evening, to Harry Gamble's on Division street and John Bennett's on Ayers street.

KNOCKED WOMAN DOWN.

Latter Said Assailant Was Her Husband.
He Fled.

Considerable excitement was stirred up on Depot square at six o'clock last evening, when a man was seen to knock down a woman and then flee as though his life depended on it when he was man approaching, attracted by the woman's screams. The couple were standing talking right in front of the gas company's office, and two employees of the gas company were just going out of the office, when the man was seen to strike the woman in the face with his fist. The woman screamed and fell to the ground.

Several men ran out and attempted to catch the man, but he was too fleet-footed and ran by the Central Vermont station, crossed the river on the ice and disappeared among the stone sheds on Burnham's meadow. The woman was taken into the gas company's office, where it was found that the man had struck her full in the mouth, and she was bleeding badly. She said that the man who struck her was her husband, but she would not give her name or tell any reason why he had struck her. It was noticed that two of her front teeth were missing, and when asked if they had been knocked out by the blow she said that one of them had just been knocked out, but the other was next in a like manner two weeks ago. The woman soon left the office, saying that she was going home.

NOTHING NEW
TO OFFERCommittees Meet Again But
Without Result

IN SESSION ONLY AN HOUR

Northfield Union Gives Its Approval to
Last Proposition Presented to the
Manufacturers—Gov. Proctor
Will Not Butt In.

To show that it was not trying to hold up a settlement of the present difficulties in the granite industry of this county, the committee from Northfield branch, G. C. I. A., last night asked for a meeting with the committee representing the Barre Manufacturers' association and came to Barre for that purpose this morning. The committees were in session just about an hour, but nothing resulted from the conference. It was stated nothing new was offered by the committee from the union or the committee from the manufacturers. The conference adjourned without date and the committee returned to Northfield on the noon train.

Previous to arranging yesterday for a meeting with the manufacturers, Northfield branch held a meeting, at which the proposition presented to the Barre Manufacturers' committee last Friday evening was unanimously approved. This is the proposition printed in last Saturday's Times.

In this connection, a granite cutter, in discussing the situation with a Times man to-day, took issue with a statement made by Secretary Wyshart of the manufacturers' association in Saturday's issue of The Times, to the effect that "the device or option fan with which they (the cutters) wished the tool equipped would make the use of the tool impractical." This man declared the statement was misleading, as the proposition put up by the Northfield branch did not ask for a suction fan applied to the tool, but it did say: "Suction fans to be provided in part of sheds where machines are being used." It was further declared that it had been shown in sheds at Montpelier and at Waterbury that such a fan was practical.

Gov. Proctor Will Not Butt In.

A story in a Montpelier paper to the effect that Governor Proctor might be asked to use his good offices in an effort to effect a settlement is denied by both sides, and the governor stated to a Times man over the phone to-day